

Legislative Council Rules Subcommittee Committee Proposals So Far (09/04/2014)

Issue #	Rule Issue Identified	Existing Law/ Rules Impacted	Proposal
1	Clean-up --eliminate JR 10-90 regarding legislative interns because statutory provisions have been repealed.	JR 10-90 -pg 5 of Joint Rules	Remove JR 10-90.
2	The Montana Supreme Court ruled that repealed and amended sections count as words in bill titles of Legislative Referenda. JR 10-130 (4) requires all repealed and amended sections in a bill must be stated in the title.	JR 10-130(4) - pg 7	Create exception for Legislative Referenda within JR 10-130(4) and direct that a section listing sections amended and repealed be placed in the body of the referendum.
3	Update revenue estimating process rule changes made during the 2013 session.	JR 30-60 - pg 12 &13	Eliminate last session's revenue estimating rule revisions from rules.
4	Reclarify classification of revenue bills for transmittal deadline purposes.	JR 40-200 (1)(c)(iii) - pg 33	Revert back to pre-2011 rule change by eliminating "or by suspending or otherwise changing the allocation of revenues" language.
5	Sync up revenue and appropriation bill transmittal deadlines.	JR 40-200 -pg 32 & 33	Revise JR 40-200 so that revenue and appropriation bill transmittal deadlines are the same.
6	Provide for a bill introduction deadline.	JR 40-50 pg 20	Revise JR 40-50 to include a bill introduction deadline that would require a bill to be introduced 7 days before the applicable transmittal deadline.
7	Establish rules or guidelines for proper use of electronic devices and transmittal of electronic communication during committee public hearings or executive action.	S30-70 - pg 18 & 19 H30-50 - pg 19	Formalize in the rules or issue guidelines for electronic device use under general decorum authority.

8	Designate ranking minority member for Senate and House standing committees.	S30-10 - pg 12 H30-10 - pg 12	Clarify in rule that the minority leader in the Senate and in the House shall designate the ranking minority member for each standing committee.
9	Clean-up archaic heading in S50-210.	S50-210 - pg 36	Eliminate heading language in rule.
10	Streamline the confirmation process in the Senate to treat the nomination resolutions more like traditional resolutions.	S70-20 - pg 39 S70-30 - pg 39 -41	Formalize in rule a streamlined process for confirmations.
11	Reclassify certain House committees	H30-10 -pg 12-13	Reclassify the Fish, Wildlife, and Parks and Local Government from class 3 committees to class 2 committees. Reclassify Federal Relations, Energy, and Telecommunications and Transportation from class 2 committees to class 3 committees.
12	Clarify House rules regarding cosponsor forms.	H40-30 - pg 22	Require in rule that a legislator that wants to be a cosponsor sign the cosponsor form that is attached to the legislation.
13	Cloture House rule - clarify the 30-minute timing requirements.	H40-170 - pg 30-31	Clarify the starting point for the 30-minute time clock and that substitute motions do not count toward the 30-minute time clock.

The Rules Subcommittee is also working on other potential proposals that will be presented at the November Legislative Council meeting.